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Mr. Ray Hanley, Director  
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Dear Mr. Hanley,

I am pleased to inform you that your request for a new Home and Community-Based Waiver for children with mental retardation or developmental disabilities (MR/DD), as authorized under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, has been approved. Based on your original request dated October 20, 2000, as well as all supplemental information, I approve this waiver for a three-year period effective October 1, 2001. This waiver has been assigned the HCFA control number AR 0365, which should be referenced on all future correspondence relating to this waiver.

Only respite care will be provided as a waiver service to these MR/DD children, who are clients of Children's Medical Services (CMS) receiving Medicaid services. Children with an exclusive diagnosis of mental retardation or developmental delay can participate in the waiver up to age 16. Children with other developmental disability diagnoses can participate up to age 19.

Arkansas assures us that this waiver will enhance existing community supports as well as services provided through Medicaid EPSDT. In addition, CMS coordinators will work with families of children in this waiver to ensure that the children receive all needed services. We were also informed that should a child exhaust their allotted funds under the waiver for respite, Arkansas will provide (to the extent available) for emergency respite care beyond the annual \$1000 waiver service limit.

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As ifie children targeted for this waiver receive not only respite care, but are also eligible for a broad array of EPSDT services, we can conclude tat the waiver is an adequate alternative to institutional care. However, had the targeted population been adults (without access to EPSDT services) and the only waiver service was respite care, we would unlikely reach the same conclusion. We want to share the basis for our policy in the event Arkansas applies for future one-service waivers.

The following estimates of unduplicated recipients and average per capita costs of waiver services have been approved:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor D</u>
1	120	\$841.66
2	120	\$841.66
3	120	\$841.66

This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more than the individuals indicated above. Should Arkansas want to serve a higher number of unduplicated recipients or make alterations to this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval.

With documentation of satisfactory performance and oversight, the waiver can be renewed at the end of the 3-year period. We appreciate the cooperation provided by your staff during our review of this waiver application.

Sincerely,

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Division of Benefits, Coverage, and Payment  
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cc: Dallas Regional Office